

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this subject application is respectfully requested.

Applicants notes the Examiner's acknowledgement of the domestic priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to two provisional applications. The box in the PTO-326 form next to "the translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received" was checked. For the Examiner's information, the two provisional applications were filed in English. No translations were provided or necessary.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable of subject matter in claims 12-21, 23-28, 35-42, 44-56, and 63-75. Independent claim 1 now incorporates the subject matter of allowable claim 21, and therefore, should now be allowed along with its dependent claims. Allowable to claims 12, 13 and 15 have been rewritten in independent claim format. Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled. Allowable claims 23 and 27 have been rewritten in independent claim format.

Independent claim 29 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 44 now cancelled. Allowable claims 35, 37 and 38 have been rewritten in independent claim form.

Independent claim 58 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 63. Allowable claim 74 has been rewritten in independent claim format.

Since all of the claims now incorporate allowable subject matter, the application is

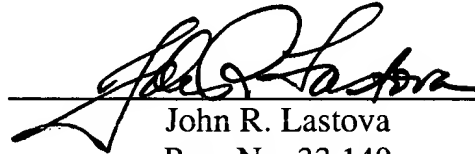
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believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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